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NOTHING TO REPORT

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11/02/2012

US MENINGITIS NEW CASES

VO: 19

Nine more cases of deadly fungal meningitis were reported from an outbreak tied to steroid medications shipped by a Massachusetts company, bringing the national total to 377 cases, U.S. health officials said on Thursday. No new deaths were reported on Thursday and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Virginia had revised down the number of deaths there to two from three, reducing the national fatality total to 28. The CDC gave no reason for the revision. In addition to the 377 cases of meningitis, the CDC said there also were nine reported cases of infections after a potentially contaminated steroid was injected into a joint such as a knee, hip, shoulder or elbow, bringing the total number of infections nationwide to 386. The steroid was supplied by New England Compounding Center of Massachusetts, which faces multiple investigations. Health authorities have said its facility near Boston failed to make medications in sterile conditions. A fungus was found in some of the vials of steroid produced by the company and bacteria was found in other drugs from the facility. A sister company of NECC, Ameridose, on Wednesday recalled all of its products in a move to cooperate with authorities. The recall could lead to shortages of some drugs.

JOBS REPORT

VO: 31

The final monthly jobs report before Election Day offered a mixed bag of economic evidence that quickly became political putty for the presidential candidates, with the unemployment rate ticking up to 7.9 percent but the economy adding a better-than-expected 171,000 jobs. At the same time, the number of unemployed grew by 170,000, roughly the same amount -- to 12.3 million. The October numbers allow President Obama to argue the economy is technically growing under his watch. But they also allow Mitt Romney to argue that the new jobs are not making much of a dent in the unemployment problem. Both campaigns quickly set to work putting their spin on data that, if nothing else, underscores the slow pace of the recovery. "Today's increase in the unemployment rate is a sad reminder that the economy is at a

virtual standstill," Romney said in a statement. "The jobless rate is higher than it was when President Obama took office, and there are still 23 million Americans struggling for work. ... When I'm president, I'm going to make real changes that lead to a real recovery, so that the next four years are better than the last." Former Bureau of Labor Statistics chief Keith Hall told Fox Business Network that at this rate, "we're still talking nine or 10 years" before the economy gets back to normal.

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11/05/2012

GAS PRICES

VO: 26

The average price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped 21 cents over the past two weeks. That's according to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices. It puts the price of a gallon of regular at \$3.55. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.72 a gallon, and premium is \$3.85. Diesel dipped 7 cents to \$4.08 a gallon. Of the cities surveyed in the lower 48 states, Memphis, Tenn., has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.11. San Francisco has the highest at \$4.05.

MENINGITIS

VO: 20

Just when they might have thought they were in the clear, people recovering from in an outbreak caused by a contaminated drug have been struck by a second illness. The new problem, called an, is an infection near the spine at the site where the drug - contaminated by a fungus - was injected to treat back or. The abscesses are a localized infection, different from meningitis, which affects the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. But in some cases, an untreated can cause meningitis. The abscesses have formed even while patients were taking powerful antifungal medicines, putting them back in the hospital for more treatment, often with surgery. The problem has just begun to emerge, so far mostly in Michigan, which has had more people sickened by the drug - 112 out of 404 nationwide - than any other state.

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11/06/2012

US/LA/MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION ON THE BALLOT

VO: 19

Voters in three states today will consider measures that would legalize recreational use of marijuana. The proposals in Colorado, Oregon and Washington would allow adults to possess small amounts of pot. The drug would be subject to state regulation and taxes. If the plan passes in *any* of those states, a legal battle with the federal government is likely.

BALLOT MEASURES GAY MARRIAGE - MARIJUANA

VO: 26

Same-sex marriage is on the ballot in three states today. Voters in Maine, Maryland and Washington State will decide whether to legalize it in their states. If it passes in *any* of those three states, it would be the first time same-sex marriage was made legal by popular vote. Legislation or court orders have made it legal in six states so far.

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11/07/2012

ARIZONA/ARPAIO

VO: 24

Controversial Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, known for targeting illegal immigrants, fended off a strong challenge from a Phoenix police veteran on Tuesday to win a sixth four-year term. Republican Arpaio, the 80-year-old lawman who styles himself "America's Toughest Sheriff," claimed victory over Democratic challenger Paul Penzone to hold on to office as sheriff of Maricopa County. An unofficial county tally showed Arpaio nearly 11 points ahead with 596 of 724 precincts reporting. The battle for the sheriff's badge in Arizona's most populous county highlighted bitter national divisions over illegal immigration.

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11/08/2012

STEAM CELLS

VO: 20

Damage from a massive heart attack might not be permanent as once thought, thanks to stem cell therapy. The study found, in early results, that cardiac stem cells might help fully repair damaged hearts. Research findings indicated those infused with their own heart stem cells had more flexible heart muscle and their hearts pumped blood more efficiently and had half the scarring after treatments. Larger studies must confirm the results before they are deemed valid. The study was presented today at the American Heart Association conference in Los Angeles. Other studies involving stem cells and heart damage have had modest to moderate benefits with no negative effects on patients.

USA-CALIFORNIA/TUITION

VO: 24

California's democratic governor Jerry Brown, eager to show quick results from newly passed twin tax hikes he promoted to avoid drastic education cuts, joined state university officials on Wednesday to announce an immediate rollback in tuition rates. Officials said new revenues from temporary tax increases approved by voters on Tuesday allows the 23-campus California state system, the nation's largest four-year state university network, to avert a \$250 million mid-year budget cut. A 9 percent tuition hike, raising annual fees by \$249 per semester for 2012-2013 academic year, was approved by the University's board of trustees in November of last year in anticipation of those cuts.

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11/09/2012

NESTLE RECALL - NESQUIK CHOCOLATE MILK MIX

VO: 28

Nestle is recalling more than 200,000 canisters of "Nesquik" because of possible salmonella contamination. Nestle said the problem occurred on batches of the mix produced last month. The bottom of the canisters say they are best to use by October 20-14. Two of the smaller containers have a promotion for the current Disney movie "Wreck-It Ralph" on the side. Nestle said the problem was caused by ingredient supplier Omya that it has issued a recall of certain lots of its ingredient. Nestle said that there have been no reports of illness due to anyone who consumed the product. Nestle said consumers who have the product can return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

HOLIDAY MAIL

VO: 24

The U.S. Postal Service says the holiday mail crush is coming soon, and has announced what you need to know about this year's key dates. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe says one big date to remember this holiday season is December 17th. He says that'll be "the busiest mailing day of the year for holiday

cards and packages." Another important date is December 22nd, the last day to send Express Mail to make sure it gets delivered on Christmas Day. But Donahoe says there are a lot of services available online, too. For example, you can print your own labels and buy postage online. And when your packages are ready, the postal service will come pick them up for free. Check it out at USPS.com.

HEART ATTACKS COLD

VO: 20

Escaping to a warmer climate might not necessarily keep you from suffering a heart attack in the "winter months," researchers found. An analysis of seasonal deaths in seven regions in the U.S. with very different climates found that all-cause and cardiovascular deaths during December and January remained consistently high across all regions, according to Dr. Bryan Schwartz of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Dr. Robert A. Kloner of Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Death rates at all sites clustered closely together and no one site was statistically different from any other site, Schwartz reported here at the American Heart Association. "We know that heart-related deaths increase in the winter months. But our research suggests there might be something other than climate at work here," Schwartz said. "If it was solely because of cold temperatures, we would have seen more deaths in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and we didn't see that."

LINK CHOLESTEROL AND CANCER

VO: 24

New research finds that statins - widely prescribed drugs used to help prevent death from heart disease - may lead to a lower rate of death among cancer patients. A report published in Thursday's edition of the New England Journal of Medicine is one of a number of recent papers suggesting that statins not only limit the growth of cancer cells but also make them more vulnerable to certain therapies. New trials have shown that the medications not only effectively lower "bad" LDL cholesterol in those with elevated levels but more importantly, lower the risk of having a heart attack or dying from heart disease or a stroke.

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11/12/2012

COFFEE PRODUCTION

VO: 22

From a simple cup of joe to a double espresso shot mocha frapachino it's what opens the eyes of more than half of all americans on a daily basis. But a new study is dark w no sugar--- it says climate change has the wild a-rab-ica coffee plant headed for exctinction--- as soon as the year 2080. (Sots) (Ny 18:04:55) 'devastated is not to strong of a word.' right now im addicted to coffee' (ny 18:08:35) "i need

something that's going to give me the energy to be up, alert and away." (ny18:00:54) "i don't think i could live if i didn't have coffee." scientists from the kew royal botanical gardens ran computer models on global warming. Finding if their worst estimates come true--- in 68 years there would be no where on earth suitable for wild coffee growth because wild coffee insures healthy genetic diversity--- it could mean extinction of even beans grown on farms. Imagine it a world without coffee. -how would people eveywhere conquer alarm clocks and survive their commutes to work. -what would happen to juan valdez? -where would friends go to meet with out coffee? Nat sot tv show friends and what would take coffees place? Nearly seven million tons of beens are produced world wide each year coffee is the worlds second most traded commodity behind oil. Over 80 percent of americans drink it spending on average 164 dollars a year .

GAS PRICES EXPECTED TO DECLINE

VO: 24

Prices at the pump continued their decline for the fourth straight week, moving to their lowest level in more than 100 days. The national average price for a gallon of regular self-serve gasoline dropped to \$3.46 friday. This price is 4 cents less expensive than one week ago and 35 cents less expensive than one month ago. The national average has been the highest on record each calendar day since late august; however the gap between this year's price and the previous record has nearly closed. Three weeks ago the national average exceeded the previous record for that day, also set in 2011, by more than 30 cents. By friday that gap had narrowed to 3 cents. The national average price at the pump has now fallen for 28 consecutive days, breaking the previous streak earlier this year when prices dropped 26 days in a row from may 15 through june 11.

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11/13/2012

MORTGAGES-LATE PAYMENTS

VO: 27

U.S. homeowners are doing a better job of keeping up with their mortgage payments. Credit reporting agency TransUnion says that the percentage of mortgage holders at least two months behind on their payments fell in the third quarter to 5.41 percent. That's down nearly 8 percent from 5.88 percent in the third quarter last year and represents the lowest point since the first quarter of 2009. Still, the rate remains well above the 1 percent to 2 percent average historical range, an indication that many homeowners still are struggling to make their payments. Even so, some homeowners are benefiting from the gradual turnaround in housing this year. Home prices are rising and interest rates remain near historic lows, making it easier for borrowers to refinance and lower their payments.

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11/14/2012

ILLINOIS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS LICENSE

VO: 27

Twenty-eight aldermen have joined the left-wing illinois coalition for immigrant and refugee rights in urging lawmakers to pass legislation during the fall veto session to give drivers' licenses to illegal aliens. They argue that allowing undocumented immigrants to be trained, tested, and licensed will make the roads safer. It will also open up a whole new group of people who can be exploited for political contributions in exchange for licenses.

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11/15/2012

AL: DEBATES MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEGISLATION

VO: 26

Standing outside the alabama state house with a sign reading "patients not prisoners," tammy w. Collazo says doctors have estimated that she won't live long given her brain tumor. She doesn't want to spend her final days sick from chemotherapy or sedated on heavy painkillers, she says, and a little bit of pot eases her pain, helps her appetite and even her speech, which has been affected by the tumor. The house health committee today held a public hearing on the pros and cons of medicinal marijuana. At the conclusion of the 90-minute session, the committee chairman and a legislative leader predicted it would be a long time before pot in any form was legal in Alabama.

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